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almost continuously since the American occupation of the islands may be removed.

In view of the favorable report received from the United States consular surgeon at Amoy, it has been recommended that he permit the embarkation of steerage passengers for Manila after October 15, 1904, without first undergoing a seven days' quarantine detention, which has been in force since the outbreak of the last epidemic of plague in Amoy. Such vessels, however, in view of the poor facilities for disinfection at Amoy, are still to call at Mariveles as in the past for disinfection prior to coming to Manila.

On October 5, 1904, the British steamer *Vulcan* cleared for New York via Marseille. This vessel was fumigated throughout—the holds, forecastles, engine rooms, cabins, etc., all being treated with sulphur dioxid gas. Crew was inspected on board at the hour of sailing.

On October 8, 1904, the British steamer *Sagami* cleared for New York. Forecastles and storerooms were fumigated with sulphur. Crew was inspected on board prior to sailing.

PORTO RICO.

Arrival of immigrants at San Juan.

Report of arrivals of alien steerage passengers at San Juan during the week ended November 12, 1904. (October arrivals.)

AGUADILLA.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of aliens.
Oct. 5	Ss. Graecia.....	St. Thomas, Danish West Indies	3

BENSON H. SISSON, *Acting Commissioner.*

RUSSIA.

Report from Batoum—Cholera in Baku.

Acting Vice-Consul Stuart reports, October 24, as follows:

With further reference to my dispatch of the 10th ultimo, according to information which I have received from Baku, it would appear that cholera broke out there toward the end of last month, and that up to the 10th of the present month 249 cases and 141 deaths had occurred. Since the 10th instant the disease appears to have been gradually diminishing, and I am informed that about 6 cases per diem have been reported. On the 21st instant 5 cases were reported, and 2 deaths occurred on that day. From the 21st to the 22d instant 1 patient was admitted to the cholera hospital. On the 22d instant there were 25 patients in hospital (15 males and 10 females), but there were no deaths that day.

WEST INDIES.

*Report from Barbados—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Treatment of barkentine *Ensenada* on account of smallpox—Quarantine against certain ports—Health of the island.*

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, November 2, as follows:

During the week ended October 29, 1904, I inspected and issued bills of health to 5 steamships and 8 sailing vessels, with 326 crew, 11